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Response Due Date 07/08/2015

**IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00574624** 

REFERENCE: APRIL QUARTERLY REPORT (01/01/2015 - 03/31/2015)

#### Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action. Additional information is needed for the following 1 item(s):

- Schedule A-P of your report discloses one or more contributions that appear to exceed the limits set forth in the Act (see attached). The Commission notes your additional explanation regarding the committee's corrective action taken for some of these contributions.

An individual or a political committee other than an authorized committee or a qualified multi-candidate committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,700 per election. An authorized committee may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$2,000 per election. A qualified multi-candidate committee and all affiliated committees may not make a contribution(s) to a candidate for federal office in excess of \$5,000 per election. The term "contribution" includes any gift, subscription, loan, advance, or deposit of money or anything of value made by any person for the purpose of influencing any election for federal office. (52 U.S.C. § 30116(a) and (f) (formerly 2 U.S.C. § 441a(a) and (f)); 11 CFR §§ 110.1(b), (e) and (k), and 102.13(c))

If any apparently excessive contribution in question was incompletely or incorrectly disclosed, you must amend your original report with clarifying information.

Please be reminded that all refunds, redesignations and reattributions must be

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made within 60 days of receipt of the contribution. To date, one or more of the apparent excessive contributions have not been refunded, redesignated, or reattributed.

For reattributions, the funds can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly reattributed to another person. An excessive contribution is considered properly reattributed if (1) the contributors provide the committee with written documentation, signed by each contributor, authorizing a reattribution and indicating the amount of the contribution to be attributed to each contributor; or (2) the committee reattributes by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution if the contribution was made on a written instrument from a joint account and was signed by only one of the account holders. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributors in writing within 60 days of receiving the contribution that the committee intends to reattribute the excessive portion and must give the contributor who signed the check an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(k)(3)(ii)(B))

For redesignations, the funds can be retained if, within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount was properly designated for a different election. An excessive contribution is considered properly redesignated if (1) the committee obtains signed written documentation from the contributor(s) authorizing the redesignation of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election; or (2) the committee redesignates by presumption the excessive portion of the contribution for another election, provided that the new designation does not exceed the limitations on contributions made with respect to that election. In this case, the treasurer must notify the contributor of the redesignation in writing within 60 days of the treasurer's receipt of the contribution. The notification must give the contributor an opportunity to request a refund. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(5)(ii)(B)) A contribution can only be redesignated to a previous election to the extent that the contribution does not exceed the committee's net debts outstanding for that election. (11 CFR § 110.1(b)(3)(i)

If the foregoing conditions for reattributions or redesignations are not met within 60 days of receipt, the excessive amount must be refunded. (11 CFR § 103.3(b)(1))

Please inform the Commission of your corrective action immediately in writing and provide photocopies of any refund checks and/or letters reattributing or

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redesignating the contributions in question. Refunds are reported on Line 28(a), (b), or (c), as applicable, of the Detailed Summary Page and on a supporting Schedule B-P of the report covering the period in which they are made. Redesignations and reattributions are reported as memo entries on Schedule A-P of the report covering the period in which the authorization for the redesignation and/or reattribution is received. (11 CFR § 104.8(d)(2), (3) and (4))

Although the Commission may take further legal action concerning the acceptance of excessive contributions, your prompt action to refund or redesignate and/or reattribute the excessive amount will be taken into consideration.

Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1138.

Sincerely,

Carolina Mongeon Senior Campaign Finance Analyst

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Reports Analysis Division

#### **Excessive Contributions from Individuals**

Contributor Name	Date	Amount	Election
Baker, Bruce	3/24/15	\$10,000.00	P2016
Beck, August	3/25/15	\$4,000.00	P2016
Beecherl, Ernest	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Bennett, Archie Mr. Jr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Bennett, Monty J. Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Benton, Fox	3/27/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Blankfeld, Max Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Brigham, Ben Madison Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Brock, Todd Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Brown, Phillip	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Cameron, Dougal A. Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Cegelski, Michael	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Chapman, Jeffrey Alan	3/23/15	\$5,000.00	P2016
Childs, John	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Coburn, Holly	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Conrad, Collin	3/30/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Coolidge, Dave	3/24/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Councill, Chase	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Cox, Stephen John Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016

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Davidsohn, Joseph	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Davis, Monty Mr.	3/26/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Dawson, Dave	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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De Grote, Doug	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Delery, Kenneth Mr.	3/27/15	\$2,700.00	P2016
Delery, Kenneth Mr.	3/31/15	\$3,700.00	P2016
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Dillingham, John C. Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Dozier, B. J.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Dybesland, Geyer W. Mrs.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Elliott, David	3/24/15	\$5,000.00	P2016
Elliott, David	3/30/15	\$1,000.00	P2016
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Eskridge, Charles R. Mr. III	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Floyd, Greg	3/30/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Frank, Theodore H.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Franklin, Jacob	3/30/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Gelman, Lawrence	3/27/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
George, Michael L. Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
George, Michael L. Mr.	3/31/15	-\$2,700.00	P2016
George, Michael L. Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Glass, James	3/28/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Greer, Randy Mr.	3/25/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Grimes, Windi Mrs.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
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Harrell, Keith	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016

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Hatton, David	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Hawkins, Kyle	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Haynes, Jeff	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Heller, Ben Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Ho, James C. Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Ho, James C. Mr.	3/23/15	\$400.00	P2016
Hock, Stacy	3/26/15	\$4,000.00	P2016
Holmes, William L. Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Hotze, Steven F. Dr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Hubbard, Brad	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Huber, Richard	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Hughes, Charles J. Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Jackson, Ronald K.	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Kendrick, Randy Mrs.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Kennedy, Julianne	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
King, Michael	3/23/15	\$5,000.00	P2016
Knighten, Jeannie Mrs.	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Kolokotrones, Mark	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Lambert, Hal Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Langston, Willie T. Mr.	3/22/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Laughlin, Juliet	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016

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Looser, William	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Manning, John Owen Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Mardigian, David	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Marling, Robert	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Martin, Gary C. Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
McCombs, B.J.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
McIngvale, James	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
McMicken, Bryan	3/30/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Mitchell, Lee Roy Mr.	3/31/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Mitzner, David Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Mitzner, Steven	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Newton, Jonathan	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Nolan, John G. Mr.	3/27/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Olshan, Michael	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Palmer, Dan	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Panton, David Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Peacock, David Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Pollard, Mike	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Ramsier, Cliff	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Ranelle, Michael	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016

Rogers, Norman	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Ross, Adam B. Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Rowling, Robert B. Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Rutherford, John R. Mr.	3/29/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Schneider, Don	3/23/15	\$2,700.00	P2016
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Shah, Prerak	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Shapiro, Marc	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Slaton, Kevin	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Smith, William G. Mr. Jr	3/26/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Stallings, Kyle Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Stanfield, Craig Mr.	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Stein, Gary W. Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Sullivan, John	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Sweet, Leldon	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Taylor, Jeremy Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Thompson, David Henry Mr.	3/31/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Todd, Gordon Dwyer Mr.	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Voncannon, Jacob	3/30/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Voncannon, Jeff Mr.	3/23/15	\$10,800.00	P2016
Webb, James	3/24/15	\$5,400.00	P2016

Weber, Gary	3/26/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
White, Robert	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Wilson, Weldon	3/25/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Witten, Ron Mr.	3/23/15	\$5,400.00	P2016
Wood, Cornelia Foster Mrs.	3/31/15	\$4,000.00	P2016